ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Indian Creek Church, Butler County, Ala., Oct. 7, 8 and 9, 1898.

OFFICERS.

T. T. DOBBS, Moderator,	Effort, Ala.,
JOSEPH KIERCE, Clerk,	Greenville, Ala.
JNO. W. HOLLOWAY, Treasurer,	Honoroville, Ala.,

The next session will be held with Spring Creek Church, Butler County, Alabama, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1899. Introductory sermon by Elder T. T. Dobbs, Alternate, C. C. Lloyd. Missionary sermon by Elder W. C. Avant, Alternate, T. E. Morgan.

Living Truth Job Print, Greenville, Ala.,

MINUTES.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH, SEARCY ALABAMA,
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 8th. & 9th, 1898.

The messengers from the churches composing the Alabama Association met with the Indian Creek church, Butler County Alabama.

The Association was called to order by Eld. C. C. Lloyd who in the absence of the Moderator was made Moderator Protem, Joseph Kierce was made Clerk protem in absence of our principle also alternate, Bro. S. J. Williamsou was appointed to preach Introductory sermon. Prayer by Bro. Kierce, adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by Bro Dickinson. The letters from the churches read, and names of messengers enrolled, as follows.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—not reprerented.

Siloam—not represented.

Damascus—Joseph Kierce, J. W. Andress, J. F. Barrett, C. Roach.

Chapel Hill—S. T. Kelley, W. H. Lee, and J. M. Raborn.

Pigeon Creek—*J. W. Massey, Jno. C. Routon, and F. J. Pollard.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Union—*J. G. Wells, Jno. W. Holloway and W. E. Thames.
Absentees marked thus. *

Spring Creek—J. H. Staggers, J. D. Sexton, T. L. Bowden, and J. H. Stringer.

Panalo—*J. H. Sexton, J. C. Bowen and J. B. Wilson.

New Ebenezer—B. W. Addinson *R. H. Davidson and *H. V. Addinson.

THIRD DISTRICT,

Bradleyton—S. J. Thrower.

Mountain Hill—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—George Morrison, *Thomas Hook and W. P. McQueen.

Sandy Ridge—Not represented,

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—M. T. Williams, S. C. Mavvit and J. M. Dickinson.

Good Hope—H. P. Watts and W. L. Peagler.

Indian Creek—Wm. Dickens, W. J. Norsworthy, J. W. Rogers, and J. A. Harrison,.

Antioch—G. P. Hawkins, G. H. Martin, J. T. Day, I. E. Ward, *N. F. Peavey and J. H. Harrison.

Gravel Hill—Jno. A. Rhodes, J. F. Freeman, and W. F. Herndon.

ORGANIZATION.

T. T. Dobbs Moderator, Joseph Kierce Clerk, Jno. W. Holloway Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by Elder C C Lloyd.

The report of commiittee on hospitality was read and adopted.

Other letters from the churches read and names of messengers enrolled.

Adjourned prayer by Bro. Watts.

SATURDAY MORNING.

9 a. m. Religious Exercises by Bro. J M Dickinson.

Spring Hill church united with the Alabama Association. Names of messengers, J L Lowery, W. H. Hinson, D A Craig and J T Cooper.

Call for Correspondence, Bro Sanford of Birmingham Association.

Bro. Cheatham of Conecuh Association, Bro. Williamson of Zion Association, Bro. J E Bishop of Montgomery Association also Brethren B. Taler and Barganier, Bro. Stewart of Conecuh Association, Bro. Baber Representing Alabama Baptist collection to assist Executive Board in paying our Missionary Bro. S J Williamson, for his service in the Association this year $2.90.

Report on general missions, Home, State and foreign by C C Lloyd, chairman.

Partial report on Religious exercises read—Elder T S Sanford preached at 11 a. m.

Adjourned for dinner, till 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. S W Andress.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT PRESENT SESSION.

On Nominations—J C Routon, G P Hawkins, Geo. Morrison.

On Documents and State of Religion—S J Thrower.

On Ministerial Education—J M Dickinson.

On Time and Place—J C Bowen, M T Williams, J F Freeman

On Finance—H P Watts, J M Dickens.

On Auditing—E L Harrison.

On Bible Cause and Religious Literature—C C Lloyd, J H Sexton, W P Watts.

On Schools and Colleges—Jno. A Rhodes.

On Sunday Schools—J M Dickinson.

On Obituaries—S W Andress, J W Holloway, J T Helms.

On Orphans Home—T T Dobbs, Jeff Cook, Dr. Thrower,

On Temperance—T S Sanford, H T Williams, S J Williamson

Moved that we take from Treasurer a sufficient amount to settle with our Missionary for his service this year in the Alabama Association. Moved that this Association meet at 9 o'clock at its next term.

Collection for our invalid Bro. Ervin Reaves, cash $6.45.

Bro. Lloyd be paid ten dollars for his service in colportor work for the Association.

Absentees marked thus. *

Sunday Morning Session.

9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Bro. Elwood Cheatham, Bro. Majors of Selma Association invited to seat with us.

Report on Orphan Home, read by Eld. C C Lloyd, Represented by Bro. Stewart. Discussed by Brethren Stewart, Baber, Lloyd, Cheatham, Bishop, Vickery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Indian Creek church for their generous hospitality, during our stay with them.

Respectfully submitted, J A Rhodes, report on documents and State of Religion, read and adopted. S J Thrower, chairman.

New Executive Board Appointed.

First District—S J Kelley, J F Barrett.
Second District—J W Holloway, W T J Dismukes.
Third District—S J Thrower, W P McQueen.
Fourth District—T L S Grace, F M Rodgers.

Report on General Mission, Home State and Foreign, read—by C C Lloyd, chairman, and adopted.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

J C Routon, Chairman.

Delegates to State Convention—Prof. I E Ward, Jno. W Holloway, S J Thrower, John Bush, W H Cheatham, Jno. C Routon.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Elder C C Lloyd. Alternate, T E Morgan, Bro Baber give us a good Talk on Alabama Baptist.

The Association to meet next year with Spring Creek church, Butler county on Friday before the second Sunday in October 1899 at 9 o'clock. J C Bowen, chairman.

Committee on Religious Exercises

Elder W H Cheatham, pastor and deacons of Indian Creek church report that Bro. T J Porter preached Missionary sermon and Bro. Baber preached at the arbor at 11 a. m.

Report on Sunday Schools read—by J M Dickinson, discussed by Dickinson, Cheatham, Rhodes, Cheatham and Sanford, Cash collection $11.54.

Adjourned for dinner until 2 p. m.

2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Gunn.

Moved that the Clerk correct any mistake that may be found necessary, the cash collection $5.00 to Orphan Home, balance to be divided between the three Boards, State, Home and Foreign. Moved the Clerk have ten dollars for his service.

Committees to Report Next Session.

Temperance—C C Lloyd, R H Cross, John Wilson.

State and Home Missions—T T Dobos, Dr. Rushton, I F Helms.

Forign Missions—T E Morgan, J W Holloway, S T Kelley.

Bible Cause and Religious Literature—W H Cheatham, W H Dean and Jno. A Rhodes.

Schools and Colleges—W C Avant, J C Fonville and J F Bar-

Absentees marked thus. *

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Ministerial Education—J F Sims, S W Andress and J T Day.

Orphans Home—Joseph Kierce, J G Thomas, R T Pool.

Sunday Schools—J M Dickinson, C H Morgan and E L Harrison

Obituaries—J C Fonville, W P McQueen and T L S Grace.

Moved that a new—Executive Board be appointed, consisting of two men from each District.

Adjourned to meet next year with Spring Creek.

The parting hand was given. Hymn—"When I can read my Title Clear." Benediction by the Moderator.

JOSEPH KIERCE, CLERK. T. T. DOBBS, MODERATOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W P McQueen, Treasurer.

In account with Alabama Baptist Association:

Oct. 8. 1898. DR.

To amount received from all sources $153.17.

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By Voucher No. 1,.....	$ 86,01	
By Voucher No. 2,.....	24,15	
By Voucher No. 3,.....	11,00	
By Voucher No. 4,.....	7,59	
By Voucher No. 5,.....	13,12	
cash on hand..... ..	11,30	—$153,17

Respectfully submitted,
W P McQueen, Treasurer

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board begs leave to report that in January last we met and contracted with Eld. S J Williamson to serve as Missionary in this Association, for 8 months, 5 months of which time be agreed to take the work on its merits, and the remaining 3 months to be paid the amount ($43,00) pledged by the churches.

Bro. Williamson reports that during the first 5 months, he preached 50 sermons and made 235 religious visits, and received from various sources, $24,44. During the remaining 3 months preached 80 sermons, made 250 religious visits and received $2.00.

At the same meeting in January we instructed Bro. Lloyd to dispose of the books on hand, $39,58, as best he could, and in May following he agreed to assume the payment of said amount.

We recommend further that the 39,58 colportage fund remain in Bro. Lloyd's hands and be by him used in the purchase and sale of religious literature, for the next associational year at his discretion, and that the Executive Board be continued and

composed of two men from each district. And further that the matter of employing an evangelist be left with the new board.

Jno. W. Holloway,
Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your committee on this grave subject ask leave to report that an educated Ministry means an educated people, an ignorant pulpit signifies an impoverished condition of heart and soul. The educated man is better prepared to impress his heart felt message of salvation than the ignorant one.

The spirit of the times demands that the head of him whose heart is aglow with the love of Christ must be educated and God grant to hasten the day when every Baptist pulpit is filled by men educated in both head and heart. The plan of salvation though spiritual is nevertheless to the spiritual man logical and appeals to both mind and heart.

We further recommend to our friends and brethren, our own Howard College and Judson Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Dickinson,
Chairman.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

We find on examining the various reports from the churches that the state of religion though very good is not as satisfactory as we could desire. There are not as many baptisms reported as formerly, yet considering the very general depression that prevails we may yet be thankful that it is as well with us as it is. A manifest coldness and indifference to Sunday Schools and prayer meetings stares us in the face. God grant that our hearts may be fired with more zeal and interest, in these important branches of church work.

Respectfully submitted,
S. J. Thrower,
Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee beg leave to report as follows, during the Associational year the following brethren and sisters have laid their armor by and dwell in peace at home, Bro. B Cooper of Siloam, Bro. Noah Beckworth of Gravel Hill, Sister Sallie Dees of Indian Creek, Sister M A Barrett, Deaconess of Damascus, Mary B Warner of Steep Creek, Bro. S. S. Bishop and sister Elizebeth Bush of Antioch, and Bro. Peyton Perdue of Spring Creek, sister Serina Bailey, sister Linnie May and Bro. William Thrower of Bradleyton, these have laid aside their Christian armor and anchored in the Blessed Port Forever From the Storm. Therefore be it Resolved that we bow in humble Submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,
S. W. Andress.

REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS, HOME, STATE AND FOREIGN.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

William Carey founder of modern missions was a Baptist, established the gospel in India and all the civilization, all the christianity now there, is due to his efforts. The Judsons published the truth in Burmah and Adoniram Judson opened the ports of China to the civilized world, thus achieving by the sword of the spirit, more than all earths armies.

Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention many consecrated men have been sent by the Foreign Board to China, Persia, Brazil, Mexico and elsewhere many nations have been converted and native preachers now sound out the gospel of our salvation to their benighted brethren.

Missions, schools, hospitals and churches, abound thoughout these heathen nations.

Under the Home Board, Mexico and Cuba, will soon rejoice in salvation and become a land of liberty and gospel light.

As to our State Board we want more men and more money.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Lloyd.
Chairman.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

God the great Creator of heaven and earth and all things therein has to us his intelligent creatures revealed his divine will through his word the Holy Bible, it teaches us his character his will, his love, his providence, his mercy, his justice. It teaches mans duty to man, mans duty to God. It is the only book in the world without possible error.

We recommend its universal use. In addition we urge the reading of all good books, and denominational literature, and periodicals now scattered broadcast by our presses.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Lloyd,
Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report. 1st We find upon examination of the letters to the association that only seven churches report sabbath schools and that the majority of them have a very small attendance, we are persuaded to believe that this one important work in the churches is very much on the decline. 2nd. We would urge upon our Pastors, that they will during the next associational year endeavor to instruct the members of their respective churches their duties of having sabbath schools. 3rd. For we believe the sabbath school with wide awake Superintendent and teachers to be one of the best methods of impressing the truths of Gods word upon the minds of the old as well as the young. 4th. We recommend to this association that they appoint a committee of five and not less than three to formulate some plan to get the people (if possible) to become more interested in this grand work all of which

is respectfully submitted.

J. M. Dickinson,
Chairman.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

This committee would state the following facts regarding our Orphans Home at Evergreen.

Ninety six children from twenty two counties have been recieved viz: Autauga 2, Jefferson 12, Barbour 3, Lee 6, Bibb 2, Limestone 1, Butler 3, Marengo 4, Chambers 1, Monroe 4, Conecuh 2, Morgan 3, Covington 8, Montgomery 4, Elmore 2, Pike 2, Russell 1, Escambia 11, Talledega 8, Tuscaloosa 9, Tallapoosa 2, Walker 6.

Two boys have been sent out by apprenticeship, seven boys and seven girls have returned to their people. Eleven boys and eleven girls have been sent out by adoption. One boy and one girl died, two boys have been irregularly discharged. All who are old enough, attend the Agricultural school.

All attend Sunday school and church A balance of about $150.00 is due on improvements and about $600,00 on current expense accounts.

It is earnestly desired to dedicate the House Oct. 20th free from debt.

We recommend our people to aid in its support.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Lloyd,
Chairman.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

W C Avant	Butledge,	Ala.
J F Sims,	Rutledge,	"
W H Dean,	Daisy,	"
W H Cheatham,	Greenville	"
C C Lloyd,	Greenville,	"
T T Dobbs,	Effort,	"
Edward Kolb	Rutledge,	"
T E Morgan,	Honoraville,	"
J G Thomas,	Honoraville,	"
J T Davidson,	Honoraville,	"
R T Poole,	Coleman,	"
S W Andress,	Greenville,	"

LICENTIATES.

M Pruitt	Ft. Deposit,	Ala.
Geo. R Vickery,	Coleman	"

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

1st District,	E J Hancock, Greenville, Ala ,
2nd District,	C H Morgan, Honoroville, Ala ,
3rd District.	W P McQueen, Sandy Ridge Ala.
4th District,	Jno. A Rhodes, Greenville, Ala..

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

S T Kelley,	J W Holloway,	S J Thrower,
T L S Grace,	T E Morgan,	S W Andress,
J F Barrett,	W T J Dismuke,	W P McQueen,
F M Rogers,	Edward Kolb,	R T Poole.

Three to make a quorum.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1898.

CHURCHES.	State Missions (cash)	Home Missions (cash)	Foreign Missions (cash)	Associational Missions (cash)	Orphans Home (cash)	Minutes	TOTAL	Value of Property
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Antioch				5 00		1 50	6 50	300 00
Bradleyton								400 00
Chapel Hill						90	90	250 00
Damascus					5 00	1 75	6 75	500 00
Good Hope						50	50	
Gravel Hill						70	70	300 00
Hickory Grove				5 00		1 50	6 50	750 00
Indian Creek				75		2 00	2 75	450 00
New Ebenezer						1 20	1 20	200 00
Panola				2 50		1 50	4 00	150 00
Pigeon Creek	50					1 00	1 50	350 00
Rutledge								150 00
Siloam								350 00
Spring Creek				35		1 00	1 35	1000 00
Spring Hill								
Steep Creek			1 55	5 00		1 50	8 05	150 00
S W Andress				1 50			1 50	100 00
Union		25	25	4 00		1 50	6 00	
Mountain Hill				v 00			50	
Jno. A Rhodes				2 00			2 00	
J H Staggers				1 00			1 00	
R N Dobbs				50			50	
T E Morgan				v1 00			1 00	
Joe Bucklee				2 00			2 00	
Public collection				2 90			2 90	
Sandy Ridge				1 00			1 00	450 00
W P McQueen pub col' for J E Reeves				50			50	
				6 45			6 45	
Rec'd of W P McQueen Treas.				v7 50			7 50	
Rec'd of W P McQueen, C C Lloyd				3 50			v 3 50	
pub col' For' Mis'	2 18	2 18	1051		5 00		19 87	
TOTAL..	2 68	2 43	1931	52 95	10 00	1655	96 92	6200 00

A correct account of all vouchers as well as cash passing through the churches from one session to another, should be kept and reported fully in the letters. Total for all purposes $6296.92. Received of Joseph Kierce, Clerk $12.00 for printing Minutes of the Alabama Baptist Association for 1898.—Living Truth.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1898.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported	Increase by: Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Decrease by: Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Present Membership	Preaching Sabbath	Reports Prayer Meeting	Reports Revival
Antioch	Butler	C. C. Lloyd	J. T. Day	Searcy, Ala.	62	2	2	1		4	0	0	2	61	1	0	1
Bradleyton	Crenshaw	W. A. Cumble	William Warrick	Bradleyton	44										2	Ir'g	1
Chapel Hill	Crenshaw	J. G. Thomas	W H Mullins	Effort	61	13	4	0	2	6	3	0	0	72	1	"	1
Damascus	Butler	W. C. Avant	S F Andress	Greenville	112	6	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	115	3	"	1
Good Hope	Lowndes	S. J. Williamson	J C Abbott	Greenville										15	2	0	0
Gravel Hill	Butler	C. C. Lloyd	W F Herdon	Greenville	47	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	41	4	0	1
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	T. E. Morgan	W P Fonville	Mt. Carmel	51	5	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	60	3	0	1
Indian Creek	Butler	T. T. Dobbs	Dan Harrison	Searcy	105	2	11	0	0		1	13	1	94	4	0	1
Mountain Hill	Crenshaw	J. G. Thomas	R L Hall	Snrles	Not	rep	re	sen	ted						4		
New Ebenezer	"	S. W. Andress	Jeff Cook	Highland Home	25	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	28	2	0	1
Panola	"	T E Morgan	J H Sexton	Best	21	4	18	1	0	1	0	0	0	23	2	0	1
Pigeon Creek	Butler	J. S. Yarbrough	C F Routen	Honoraville	42	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	44	2	0	1
Rutledge	Crenshaw	J. F. Sims	William Bailey	Rutledge	Not	rep	re	sen	ted								
Siloam	"	B Cooper	J B Foster	"	"	"	"	"	"								
Spring Creek	Butler	T. T. Dobbs	T L Bowden	Daisy	76	13	1	0	1	6	1	0	1	98	3		1
Steep Creek	Lowndes	T. T. Dobbs	M A Powell	Hayneville	78	6	1	0	0	5	2	0	1	77	1	R'g	1
Union	Crenshaw	T. E. Morgan	J W Holloway	Honoraville	66	4	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	68	4	Ir'g	1
Spring Hill	Butler	J. G. Thomas	W H Hinson	Pontus	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	3	0	1
Total					834	58	47	2	5	41	10	13	7	877	41	5	14

Sunday School Superintendents and their Post Offices—Gravel Hill, Jno. A. Rhodes Greenville, Ala., Pigeon Creek. J. E. Helms, Honoraville, Ala., Spring Creek, W. T. J. Dismuke, Edna, Ala., Steep Creek, J. M. Dickinson, Corrie Ala., Union, J. G. Wells, Honoraville, Ala.